and what *type* of shells will be manufactured in tie factory;

(b) what is *the* estimated ,cost .of this factory ,and how much amount has been spent so far

(c) whether Government have plan to •*esyatyfsh* more ordnance factories in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE .(SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL).: (a) anD (b). The Ordnance Factory Project at 'Bofangir. Orissa is expected to fee completed in 4 years from issue of project sanction. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the type of shells proposed to be manufactured .(filled) in the faitory and the cost of the project. An expenditure of about Rs. 37 crores has .been incurred so far against the go head sanction" issued for undertaking certain preliminary worts of an urgent nature requiring long lead-time,

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Government are considering the neeessity for establishing; more .ordnance faetories, but no :final de-. cision has yet been tasken.

USA technology for ^ght vision in aircrafts

409. SHRI P. N. SUKUL; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to acquire from the U.S.A. the technology for the Ring Laser Giro .equipment used for night vision in aircrafts; and

(b) what is the comparative performance of this equipment vis-a-vis the one already under manufacture in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The U.S. Government has recently agreed to release the Ring Laser Gyro equipment for the LCA programme. This equipment contains State-of-Art technology in navigation for combat aircraft, lt is not used for night vision purposes.

(b) The Ring Laser Gyrp is superior to conventional inertial navigation systems from a number of considerations. It is not in ,the public interest to disclose inrormation sbout its comparatiye performsannce.

Chinese updated aircraft for Pakistan

410. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that China has embarked upon a new pro gramme *pi* exporting is 'updated' .aircraft to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what is ,the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) *(A)* Yes, Sir,

(b) The Government maintains a constant watch on the acquisition of military equipment by neighbouring countries that have a bearing qn our security. Pakistan's proposed acquisiton of .new fighter air-, craft has been taken into account in planning our defence measures.

import of large computers

411. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to permit import of large computers;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken;

(c) whether ECIL has the capacity to produce these computers; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the reasons for permitting the imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-